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SUBJ: COCOA: CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF
WORKING GROUP II

REF: A. GENEVA 7452 (NOTAL), B. GENEVA 7651 (NOTAL)

C. GENEVA 7635, D. GENEVA 7634 (NOTAL)

1. THE WORKING GROUP OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE
PAPER PREPARED BY THE CHAIRMAN (MADDEN) WHICH ATTEMPTED TO WED
U.S. AMENDMENTS WITH CURRENT AGREEMENT ON WEDNESDAY OCT 8. (REF-
TEL B).

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TAKES ECONOMIC ARTICLES 26, 31, 34, 39 AND
41, LEAVES THEM AS THEY NOW STAND IN AGREEMENT, AND GIVES COUNCIL
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AUTHORITY TO MODIFY THEM BY SPECIAL VOTE IF THE COUNCIL DESIRES,

SO U.S. IDEAS COULD BE INCORPORATED AT SOME FUTURE DATE. CHANGES ARE MINOR AND ALL ARE CONTINGENT ON COUNCIL ACTION.

3. PRODUCER SPOKESMAN Y. DAOUDA OF CAMEROON SUPPORTED PAPER AS EXCELLENT. THIS WAS BACKED BY BRAZIL AND THE EC.

4. U.S. EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE MATCH UP, POINTING OUT IT IS ONLY THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH AN OPTION FOR THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT OUR PROPOSALS BY A TWO-THIRDS WEIGHTED VOTE OF BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS IF IT SO CHOOSES. THE U.S. STATED THE PAPER DOES NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM, AND THAT IT IS NOT A REAL SUBSTANTIVE IMPROVEMENT TO THE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

5. THE IVORY COAST DEL (N'DIA) SHOWED FLEXIBILITY RE U.S. AMENDMENTS AND IN GENERAL TERMS OUTLINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S IDEAS ON HOW THE AGREEMENT MIGHT BE ALTERED ALONG LINES OF REFTEL D.

6. CHAIRMAN SKIRTED ISSUE BY RETURNING TO DISCUSSION OF WORDING IN ARTICLE 31 IN WHICH AN EC-PRODUCER CONFRONTATION DEVELOPED OVER A TECHNICAL ISSUE, LEAVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF U.S. AMENDMENTS TO SOME YET TO BE DETERMINED TIME.

7. COMMENT: INTEREST IN U.S. AMENDMENTS SEEMS TO BE WANING SINCE ASIDE FROM U.S. AND IVORY COAST NO OTHER DELEGATIONS APPEAR WILLING TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY PROPOSALS TO ALTER PRESENT AGREEMENT. LATENESS IN PUTTING FORWARD U.S. AMENDMENTS AND INABILITY OF OTHER DELS TO GET NEW INSTRUCTIONS CITED AS REASONS.ABRAMS

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